

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1020
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION honor and commend Major Tracy Trott upon being promoted to the third highest-ranking member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those exemplary public servants who have dedicated their lives to protecting their fellow citizens and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Major Tracy Trott is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-eight years with the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP); and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a State Trooper, Tracy Trott has served with the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his peers in law enforcement as well as the citizens of the Elizabethton community; and

WHEREAS, born in Randolph, Maine, Major Trott originally came to Tennessee with a friend after finishing high school, making this State his home after meeting his future wife, Meredith, in his sophomore year at college; and

WHEREAS, he joined the THP in 1978, and since 1992, has served as the commanding lieutenant at the Fall Branch office; Tracy Trott has now been named the new major of the THP, and is the third highest-ranking member of the 855-person force; and

WHEREAS, a humble man, Major Trott has performed his duties with the utmost dignity and respect, and he is a shining example of what all State troopers should aspire to become; and

WHEREAS, never hesitating to put himself in harm's way for the sake of others, he pulled a victim from a burning car in 1982, and has a record of performing with courage and skill during violent confrontations in which he felt his life was threatened; and

WHEREAS, Major Trott has been honored for his exemplary service with many accolades; he appeared on the list of Outstanding Young Men of America, was named a Distinguished Graduate Student at East Tennessee State University, was recognized for his Outstanding Academic Performance at Northwestern University in Chicago, and has been commended for his Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest record; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife of twenty-nine years, Meredith, who is a career and technical education supervisor for the Carter County school system; they will relocate to Nashville as he assumes his new position; and

WHEREAS, the Trotts are most proud of their two adult children: Laura, a budget manager for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, and Joe, a chef at The Lodge in Gatlinburg; and

WHEREAS, Major Tracy Trott exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we thank Major Tracy Trott for his astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and extend to him our heartfelt congratulations upon his promotion and our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.